

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 29, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 25:9, 1*

*Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.*

Opening Prayer

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

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Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy!" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."
Praise and honor, power and glory be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned, fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God whose blood has bought us, kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory, honor, might, dominion, praise
Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Offering: Envision Mission

Evening Prayer

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Word Made Flesh: Our Hope Realized*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

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God's Blessing

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Ken Q

Offering will be received for Envision Mission, ministry created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. Their mission is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all His commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.

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